

REMARKS

Administrative Overview

Claims 1-28 are currently pending in the application. Claims 15, 27 and 28 stand rejected. The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 1-14 and 16-26 is noted with appreciation. Applicant hereby amends claims 15, 26, and 27 and adds new claims 29 and 30. Accordingly, after entry of this Amendment claims 1-30 will be pending in the application.

Applicant submits that no new matter has been added. Support for amended claims 15, 26, and 27 and new claims 29 and 30 can be found throughout the originally filed claims, figures and specification, for example, on pages 4 and 10 and in Figures 1 and 2 as such, claims 1-30 are now presented for the Examiner's reconsideration.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The office action rejects claim 15 under 35 U.S.C § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant submits that this rejection has been addressed by an amendment to claim 15.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The office action rejects claims 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 99/15000 to Lawton hereafter "Lawton". Applicant submits that this rejection has been addressed by an amendment to claim 27.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The office action rejects claims 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lawton in view of JP 406038640A to Watabe hereafter "Watabe". Applicant submits that this rejection has been addressed by an amendment to claim 27.

Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections and request reconsideration of the claims in light of the amendments and arguments discussed below.

Rejection of Claim 15 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Applicant has amended claim 15 to comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112 by removing the phrase “such as HDPE obtained from domestic waste.” Applicant submits that as claim 15 depends from allowed claim 14, claim 15 is now in condition for allowance.

Substantive Rejections

Claims 27 stands rejected as anticipated by Lawton. Applicant’s note that on page 4, paragraph 9 of the Office action, the Examiner states that “the prior art fails to disclose or render obvious the section being formed as a parallelogram having two acute angles and two obtuse angles” as the basis for indicating allowable subject matter with regard to claims 1-14 and 16-26.

Accordingly, Applicant herein amends independent claim 27 to recite “said section being a parallelogram having two acute angles and two obtuse angles.” Since this section feature is not taught in the prior art, Applicant submits that claim 27 is now in condition for allowance. Similarly, claim 28 and new claims 29 and 30 are also in condition for allowance as they depend from allowable base claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration, withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and allowance of claims 1-30 in due course. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant’s undersigned representative by telephone at the number listed below to discuss any outstanding issues.

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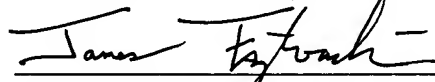
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